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U.S. CONTRACTED PROCESSING PRODUCTION UP 14 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The 2009 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 18.5 million tons, up 14 percent from last year. Production of processing tomatoes, at 14.1 million tons, is 16 percent above 2008. Snap bean production, at 806,920 tons, is up 2 percent from last year's production. Sweet corn production, at 3.16 million tons, is up 13 percent from last year. Green pea production, at 400,920 tons, is 3 percent below 2008. Contracted area for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 1.12 million acres, is 6 percent above 2008.

Sweet Corn: Contracted sweet corn production is forecast at 3.16 million tons, up 13 percent from last year. An increase of 9 percent in contracted harvested area is accompanied by an increase in yield of 0.37 ton per acre from 2008. In Minnesota, favorable weather conditions allowed planting to proceed on schedule. Planting was nearly complete by the end of June. Harvest was reported as 16 percent complete as of August 16. In Washington, conditions were mostly hot and dry during the early summer season. However, water supplies are reported as adequate and the crop is also reported to be in good condition. Oregon's sweet corn crop is reported to be in good condition. In Wisconsin, harvest was delayed due to cool temperatures.

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by State, and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009

State	Area Harvested				Yield per Acre			Production			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract ¹	2007 Total	2008 Total	2009 Contract ¹	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹						Total	Contract ¹	
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
MD ²	6,300	6,900	6,900		8.40	7.30		52,920	50,370	50,370	
MN	120,500	123,900	123,900	132,000	6.60	7.08	7.10	794,850	876,980	876,980	937,200
OR	21,900	18,400	18,400	23,400	9.69	9.75	9.60	212,240	179,310	179,310	224,640
WA	82,500	66,300	66,300	83,800	10.36	9.78	10.20	854,310	648,490	648,490	854,760
WI	83,000	87,600	87,600	78,200	6.97	7.44	7.74	578,720	651,570	651,570	605,270
Oth Sts ³	53,400	57,500	50,850	66,750	7.57	7.40	8.03	404,390	425,770	378,060	535,690
US	367,600	360,600	353,950	384,150	7.88	7.85	8.22	2,897,430	2,832,490	2,784,780	3,157,560

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Estimates not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2007 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, NY, PA, TN and VA.

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2009 - DE, ID, IL, IA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA.

Snap Beans: Contracted production of snap beans is forecast at 806,920 tons, up 2 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is down 1 percent, but yield is up 0.10 tons per acre. In Oregon, the snap bean crop was reported in good condition. In West Central Michigan, dry weather throughout July led to many fields being irrigated. However, stands were reported to be in good condition. In Illinois, planting was delayed due to sporadic rainfall across the State. In Indiana, the snap bean crop was reported to be in good condition. In Minnesota, harvest was delayed due to unseasonably cool summer temperatures and limited rainfall during the growing season. In New York, excessive rainfall accompanied by cool nights resulted in reduced yields. In Wisconsin, snap beans are progressing at a slow pace due to cool temperatures.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State, and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009

State	Area Harvested				Yield per Acre			Production			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract ¹	2007 Total	2008 Total	2009 Contract ¹	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹						Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
IL	12,300	12,500	12,500	13,600	4.65	3.59	3.50	57,140	44,820	44,820	47,600
IN	5,000	4,500	4,500	10,300	3.15	3.11	3.55	15,770	13,980	13,980	36,570
MI	17,800	15,000	15,000	17,300	3.45	3.65	4.20	61,400	54,750	54,750	72,660
MN ²		4,700	4,700	7,200		3.17	3.64		14,890	14,890	26,210
NY ²		20,400	20,400	19,000		3.80	3.55		77,590	77,590	67,450
OR	19,100	18,600	18,600	17,200	6.02	6.03	6.70	115,010	112,140	112,140	115,240
PA	10,800	10,700	10,700	9,900	3.07	3.48	3.70	33,170	37,250	37,250	36,630
WI	69,900	80,500	78,900	75,500	3.79	4.06	4.02	264,910	326,870	320,200	303,510
Oth Sts ³ ⁴	63,870	31,400	29,430	23,400	3.23	4.00	4.32	206,330	125,710	119,157	101,050
US	198,770	198,300	194,730	193,400	3.79	4.07	4.17	753,730	808,000	794,777	806,920

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2008 - CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

2009 - CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

⁴ Seasonal forecasts for AR and MO are not available. Estimates to be published in the *Vegetables 2009 Summary*, released January 2010.

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